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SENATE BILL

No. 720

Introduced by Senator Bowen
(Coauthor: Senator Alarcon)

February 21, 2003

An act to amend Section 884 of the Public Utilities Code, relating to telecommunications.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 720, as amended, Bowen. Telecommunications services.

Existing law declares the Legislature's policies for telecommunications in California. Existing law states the intent of the Legislature that the Public Utilities Commission should provide a nonprofit community technology program, as defined, with discounts comparable to those that are provided to schools and libraries to address inequality of access to advanced telecommunications services.

This bill would state the intent of the Legislature that the commission provide a nonprofit community technology program, as defined, with discounts comparable to those that are provided to schools and libraries to address inequality of access to advanced telecommunications services, as defined.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 884 of the Public Utilities Code is
2 amended to read:

3 884. (a) It is the intent of the Legislature that any program
4 administered by the commission that addresses the inequality of
5 access to advanced telecommunications services by providing
6 those services to schools and libraries at a discounted price,
7 provide comparable discounts to a nonprofit community
8 technology program.

9 (b) For the purpose of this section:

10 (1) “Advanced telecommunications services” includes high
11 speed communications services such as digital subscriber line
12 (DSL) services.

13 (2) “Nonprofit community technology program” means a
14 community-based nonprofit organization that is exempt from
15 taxation under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and
16 engages in diffusing technology into local communities and
17 training local communities that have no access to, or have limited
18 access to, the Internet and other technologies.

